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## Selectmen's Minutes 01-11-2007

### TOWN OF ARLINGTON SUMMIT MEETING

Meeting Minutes  
 Thursday, January 11, 2007  
 7:00 p.m.

Present: Kevin Greeley, Annie LaCourt, Jack Hurd, Diane Mahon, Clarissa Rowe, Brian Sullivan, Nancy Galkowski, Allan Tosti, Paul Schlichtman, Sue Sheffler, Kathy Fennelly, Barbara Thornton, Will Brownsburger, Dan Dunn, Mary I. Ronan, Richard C. Fanning, Steve DeCourcey, Pete Howard, Dan O'Neill, Paul Olsen, Walter Fey, James Doherty, Alan Jones, Gail Dubois, Paul Bayer, Dean Carman, John Deyst, Sean Garballey, Nate Levenson, Bob Greeley, Stephen Gilligan, Charles Foskett, John Bilafer, Ruth Lewis, Sue Mazzarella, and Mary Ann Sullivan.

Some of the audience attendees: Paul West, Bob Sprague, Stuart Cleinman, Peter Fuller, Susan Bloomquist, Gordon Jamieson, Melissa Beecher, Barbara Goodman, Cindy Starks, Marlene Rockmore, Mary Megson, Ann LeRoy (not all attendees signed in).

Mr. Greeley, Chair of the Board of Selectmen, opened the meeting and welcomed the table of participants and the audience. Mr. Greeley stated the goal of the Summit Meeting was to have all key leaders talk, get input, and agree on a fiscal plan for the Town of Arlington. Mr. Greeley had all key leaders discuss the current 5-year plan and project out towards the next 5 years. Click below for the power point presentation:



The following are comments as the Town projects out towards the next 5 years:

- Any further comments, suggestions, and feedback should be done via this e-mail:  
[townmanager@town.arlington.ma.us](mailto:townmanager@town.arlington.ma.us)
- Look at each column in detail-try to solve a piece of the problem and not the whole.
- The Town must maximize revenues while the school side holds costs.
- The Town/School mix of the budget should be looked at carefully - the school side looks like it is having more difficulty.
- Concern with using property taxes and fees for closing money gaps. We need to think more progressive than regressive. Think creatively.
- If an override, it should have no hype-no propaganda.
- Pay for trash pick up.
- Implement an immediate hiring freeze. Start a new panel to review positions and salaries.
- Consolidate services of cities and towns.
- Scrutinize every program and review its need.
- Engage with state legislature to get more predictable state aid numbers.
- Talk to neighbors about budget problems-educate residents.
- Town Meeting members, town/school employees, and unions should be involved.
- Regionalization of services, spending monies more efficiently, priority of services. Unless we do our level best, we cannot go back to the taxpayers with an override.

- Should be on cable TV.
- Re-look at the Community Preservation Act.
- State ratios-the O'Neil Plan.

Mr. Greeley wrapped up the meeting thanking everyone and will prepare working on a Summit II Meeting to occur in the next two or three months.

A True Record: Attest:

Mary Ann Sullivan